

RESOLUTION 2018-070
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROVING A PROCESS FOR CERTAIN BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS TO CONDUCT JOINT WORKING MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Council Futures Committee has had several discussions about the future of Council boards and commissions, including what their future purposes and processes should be to remain effective and encourage diverse community participation; and

WHEREAS, in weighing the next steps to move in that direction, the Futures Committee, at its regular meeting on May 14, 2018, considered an idea for community advisory engagement involving an experiment suggested by two members of the Economic Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, the proposed experiment would bring together multiple City boards and commissions twice a year for an extended meeting on high-priority topics of common interest, using a Triple Bottom Line focus; and

WHEREAS, each participating board or commission could then use the information and insights gained in the extended meetings to inform its own discussions and decisions; and

WHEREAS, this approach would allow for a more comprehensive discussion and analysis of complex issues, with the goal of providing more effective and thorough recommendations to the City Council through the participating boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, City staff would determine the topics, which boards and commissions would participate, and when the joint meetings would occur; and

WHEREAS, the current proposal is that the joint meetings would replace the individual board and commission meetings in the month in which the joint meeting occurs; and

WHEREAS, staff proposes working initially with six boards and commissions that are supported by the Sustainability Services Area, including:

1. Economic Advisory Commission
2. Affordable Housing Board
3. Air Quality Board
4. Natural Resources Board
5. Community Development and Block Grant Commission
6. Women's Commission; and

WHEREAS, staff would also develop a method for evaluating the process and whether the experiment was effective, and report back to the City Council following the second extended meeting; and

WHEREAS, if the process is effective, it may be expanded to include other City boards and commissions in different combinations depending on the topic to be discussed; and

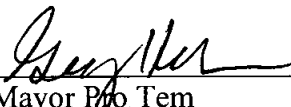
WHEREAS, Section 2-75 of the City Code authorizes City boards and commissions, in addition to their duties and functions specified in the Code, to participate on a case-by-case basis in the review, discussion and advisement of the City Council regarding any policy or program matter, upon the request of the City Council or the City Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That in support of continuous improvement in the boards and commissions and public engagement processes, the City Council hereby approves the approach outline above, and directs the City Manager to choose appropriate topics for extended joint meetings of selected City boards and commissions based on the current list of City Council priorities, and requests that those boards and commissions participate in said joint meetings as described.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 17th day of July, A.D. 2018.



Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



City Clerk

